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Josh Vasquez (left), MAG-24 forward, watches as his shot is blocked by 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment's keeper, Jose Armes, Wednesday night. On the following play, a similar shot made it past Armes.

MAG-24 shoots past 3/3

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Sports Editor

Andrew Urey led defending intramural champions MAG-24 to a 2-1 victory over 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Wednesday, at Pop Warner Field, putting them at 2-0-1 on the summer intramural soccer season.

The pressure was on 3/3 all night, as the MAG offense was determined to pull out a win. Controlling the flow of the game, MAG was caught off guard when 3/3 struck first with a goal by Carlos Gonzalez late in the first half.

"Cross! Cross!" shouted MAG coach, Christopher Voss from the sidelines before the end of the first half. "We're having no problems controlling the ball and setting up the plays, but we need to finish what we start," said Voss at the half, in an effort to motivate his championship team.

The revamped MAG-24 team took the field after the break, ready to even the score. Their

strikers came out in force, ready to put some pressure on 3/3 keeper, Jose Armes. When MAG forward Timothy Kummerer crossed a shot at the corner of Armes' goal, it was batted away in a superman-like dive. But the MAG offense wasn't going to let it rest at that. The following play, forward Gabriel Mallery found an open Keston Lashley near the goal, this time the shot went a bit too wide for Armes to stop, and the score was tied, 1-1.

Following the score, MAG continued to keep the pressure on, as Urey kept the ball coming to



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Bob Thurston (left), a HQBN player assisting 3/3, pushes MAG-24 midfielder, Patrick Kimble, out of the way Wednesday night in the pressure-packed second half of intramural soccer.

waiting MAG offensive players in front of the goal. Shot after shot by Urey and Mallery missed their mark time and time again.

"We're not tying this game!" shouted Voss from the sidelines. "Pass the ball, call out your plays and let's get the score!"

With under a minute remaining in the game, MAG's grit and determination

game-winning goal, and a relieved MAG sideline erupted in cheer.

"This should have been a much higher scoring game," said Voss after the game. "Urey is fresh from deployment and just getting into his groove, so it will take some time for him to adapt to playing with the rest of the players on the team. I think we're finally starting to gel though, and we should be good to go from here on out."

Though 3/3 was defeated, their coach, Matthew Deleon has a firm resolve to bring his team back up to competitive level.

"We did really well tonight, considering how many players we had, or didn't have for that matter," said Deleon. "We did much better than we all expected we would, this being our first game, and after we get some practice playing with one another, we can start to come together as a team, and then we won't have a problem getting back into this season with a competitive record."



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Mother of slain police officer Troy Barboza, Jerry Barboza (left) and her husband, Ronald, lead the run from the back of a police pick-up truck, cheering on the law enforcement officers and saying hello to the gathered crowd that lined the streets of Waikiki, Friday.

MP Company runs for Barboza, Special Olympics

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Approximately 70 Military Police men and women from the Provost Marshal's Office at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, participated in the 19th Annual First Hawaiian Bank Troy Barboza Law Enforcement Torch Run Friday, to raise funds for and increase awareness of the Special Olympics movement.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is a grass-roots fundraising program which benefits the Special Olympics for mentally disabled children and adults. The

program began in 1981 when Wichita, Kan., Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds for and to increase awareness of the Special Olympics. He conceived the idea of the torch run as a way to involve the local law enforcement with their communities and Special Olympics.

Now a global event, all 50 states and more than 40 countries participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, generating more than \$18 million annually. Since its inception in 1981, the Law Enforcement Torch

Run has raised more than \$150 million worldwide. Hawaii's participation in the Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1986. In 1987 the torch run was named after Honolulu Police Officer Troy Barboza, a dedicated coach for the Special Olympics who was killed in the line of duty.

Barboza's parents, Ronald and Jerry Barboza were in attendance Friday, and Troy Barboza's nephew, Kelby Taylor, participated in the formation run alongside military and

civilian law enforcement officers.

"We're very excited to see the Marines out here supporting the event," said Ronald Barboza after the event. "You all do such a fantastic job in everything you do. Kelby here is your next Marine in training," he said of his grandson.

The run began May 26 at the First Hawaiian Bank in Honolulu, and after circling Oahu, law enforcement officials from around the island gathered Friday to complete the last leg of

the course, which began at Ford DeRussy and concluded at the University of Hawaii baseball stadium, where Special Olympians waited to welcome the runners.

"The Marines had good, strong cadence out there, and again we represented ourselves the way Marines are expected to be represented — like professionals," said Gunnery Sgt. Bowie Cruz, Military Police company

See BARBOZA, C-5



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Sgt. Doug Maxon carries the guidon for the Military Police Company, Friday, as the runners travel through the streets of Waikiki. The gathered crowd cheered on the military and civilian law enforcement officers all the way through Honolulu until they reached their destination at the University of Hawaii baseball stadium. The run preceded the start of the Special Olympics Summer Games.

Full Contact Showdown at E-Club Saturday



Fighters go head to head at Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill

Ed Hanlon V
MCCS Marketing

After two successful events at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Full Contact Showdown Super Brawl’s popular exhibition of rising mixed martial arts and kickboxing stars, returns to Kahuna’s Community Ballroom Saturday to for FCS3.

Full Contact Showdown 1 and FCS2 will be forever remembered for introducing the MMA community to Steve Byrnes, the resident K-Bay Marine star.

Full Contact Showdown 3 will showcase two more Marines trained in mixed martial arts. Justin Holcombe and Mike Leonguerrero, two K-Bay-based Marines who train at Bulls Pen in Honolulu, will make their MMA debut in FCS3.

Holcombe, a decorated high school wrestler, is developing his MMA skills under the tutelage of fel-

low Bulls Pen student, Steve Byrnes. Leonguerrero, a standout high school wrestler from Guam, is an experienced Muay Thai practitioner looking for his first MMA victory.

There are currently six listed matches on the FCS3 card, and event promoters are expecting to confirm a total of nine matches by Saturday.

Super Brawl World Champion Niko Vitale will be serving as judge at FCS3. Full Contact Showdown promoters will provide each guest a limited edition Super Brawl 39: Destiny (Niko v. Suda) mini poster, and Niko will be available for autographs at the FCS event.

The FCS3 weigh-in/press conference will take place 7:30 p.m., tonight, at Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill restaurant.

Tickets are \$20 for military, \$25 for general admission, and \$35 for ringside. Advance tickets are available at Dreamworld Tattoo, located behind Keneke’s take-out diner in Waimanalo.

For more event info, contact Promotions Director Patrick Freitas at 375-1645 or superbrawl21@yahoo.com. For other information about upcoming events at Kahuna’s Community Ballroom or Kahuna’s

Sports Bar & Grill, call 254-7661 or 265-7660.

Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill and Community Ballroom are open only to enlisted service members ranked E-5 and below and authorized guests.

Co-Main Event

155-lb MMA
Mike Leonguerrero (Bulls Pen) v. Kyle Miyahana (Freelance)

155-lb MMA
Justin Holcombe (Bulls Pen) v. Makoa Hanaïke (M.M.A.D.)

Undercard

155-lb MMA
Poncko DeLima (Bulls Pen) v. Pocko Woods (808 FF)

155-lb MMA
Brian Wiehle (M.M.A.D.) v. Lee Peneku (808 FF)

125 Kickboxing
John Hosokawa (Lee’s Shaolin boxing) v. Junior Yacap (808 FF)

155-lb Kickboxing
Tim Lapitan (Bulls Pen) v. Brian Rigby (Grappling Unlimited)

BASE SPORTS

June 13

Health and Fitness Fair at Semper Fit Center — Make a run for the Fitness and Health Fair, to be held at the MCCS Semper Fit Center on June 13. The fun filled Fair will run from 4 to 8 p.m. Patrons will be treated to displays and information encompassing all areas of fitness and healthy lifestyles. Bring the children out after school for an educational frenzy. Displays include: fitness, safety, nutrition, and more from your local base fitness and healthy lifestyle resources education.

The Fitness and Health Fair points of contact are Jon Shiota, Fitness Coordinator, 254-7597 and Dan Dufrene, Health Promotion Coordinator, 254-7636.

June 16

Single Marine & Sailor Program Hosts Shank & Slice Golf Tournament — Register now for this quarterly golf tourney, to be held on June 16, at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$27 for E-5 and below, \$34 for E-6 and above. Bring your boss and show him or her who really rules the course (one boss per player-sponsor must play with guest). Check in at 11:30 a.m.

Fees include green fees, cart, prizes, pupus and beverages. Prizes from Fujifilm Hawaii, GEICO Direct, Maui Tacos, Papa Johns, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, Bank of Hawaii and McDonald’s will be awarded. Call 254-7593 to register or for details.

June 22

Staff NCO Golf Tournament — Swing into summer with the four-man scramble best ball golf tournament on June 22. The tournament is open to Staff NCOs of all services, family members and sponsored guests. Shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

Team prizes will be available for first, second, third and last places. There will also be longest drive and closest-to-the-hole contests. This event is sponsored by GEICO, Papa John’s Pizza, Fujifilm Hawaii, McDonald’s and Big City Diner.

For more information or to sign up call 1st Sgt. Mark Drinkwater at 257-2600; Todd Murata, golf course manager, at 254-1745 or Dickson Alvarado, SNCO Club manager, at 254-5481.

Ongoing

Eastside Juniors Bowling League Forming at K-Bay Bowling Center Lanes — Registration forms are now being taken for the Eastside Juniors Bowling League.

Starting June 11, and running through Sept. 24, this league will feature three games per week for 16 weeks. Registration is \$31 and is due by Saturday.

It includes prepayment for the weeks of June 11, Sept. 17 and 24, and a one-time \$10 sanction fee. The cost per week is \$7. Returning sanctioned bowlers pay only \$21.

The season ends with an awards Banquet on Oct. 1, in which all participants who paid in full will receive awards.

For more information and to register, call the K-Bay Lanes Bowling Center at 254-7664.

Camp Smith Intramural Softball League Registration Now — Camp Smith athletics is currently accepting registrations for the Intramural Softball League. The league will begin on June 13.

Game days and schedules will be announced in the near future. Submit your team rosters to Camp Smith’s Fitness Center, located in Building 2C, or call Angela Pittman at 477-0498 or 477-5197.

Semper Fit Center Offers Personal Trainers — For those looking to get in to a tailored exercise regiment, or for those just looking for some good advice on weight management and control, the Semper Fit Center offers free personal training consultation.

You can schedule an appointment with a trainer, who will take body fat, blood pressure, heart rate readings and more, and tailor a program based on your physical needs and ambitions. For only \$5 per workout, your trainer will actually train with you to ensure maximum efficiency.

Pick up a personal training appointment card at the Semper Fit Center now, or call 254-7597.

Aerobics Room Gets a Little Cooler — The Aerobics room at the Kaneohe Bay Semper Fit Center is getting a facelift! Air conditioners will be installed, which will impact class schedules.

The room will only be closed on the weekdays. Aerobics classes will remain at the center, but held in different rooms.

Call 254-7597 for scheduling information.

Campground and Picnic Sites — For picnic and camping sites, Marine Corps Base Hawaii offers some of the most scenic beaches on the island. Three of those beaches, Pyramid Rock, Hale Koa and Fort Hase, are available by reservation for picnics and parties from dawn to dusk. Hale Koa Beach may also be reserved for overnight camping.

Reservations are required. to reserve a camp site, call 254-7666 for Kaneohe or 477-5143 for Camp Smith.

Semper Fit Center Offers it All — The Semper Fit Center has an

aerobics class for anyone and every-one trying to meet fitness goals.

Check out as many of the following programs as you would like: Yoga, Cycling, Tai Chi, Cardio-Kick, Gut Cut, Step-Challenge, Water Aerobics, Pilates, Marathon Training and much, much more.

For class information, call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.

Fishing Charters Available at MCB Hawaii — Spend the day aboard one of Bill Collector’s Fishing Charter boats.

Bill Collector (formerly Mahalo Kai) has been serving MCB Hawaii since 1992, offering a day of fishing in the bountiful waters off the Windward side.

For more information, stop by the Base Marina located in Building 1698, across from Hangar 101, or call 254-7666/7667.

Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment — Look no further for economical entertainment Mondays through Thursdays at the K-Bay Lanes where all E-5 and below can receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only \$1.50 a game.

This discount is good for open play, but does not qualify for tournaments, leagues or unit functions.

For more information, call the K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

Color Pin Special — Every Wednesday, roll a strike. When a colored pin is in the headpin position, you can win up to three free games of bowling.

All patrons are welcome to take advantage of this deal. If you make the play, you win! Call the K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

Parents for Fitness — This cooperative baby-sitting effort is available at the Semper Fit Center for children 6 weeks and older.

All active duty service members and their families may participate; however, PFFP participants are required to volunteer baby-sit three times per month.

Call 235-6585 for more information.

Intramural Sports Standings				
Soccer:				
	Win	Loss	Tie	Pts.
MAG-24	1	0	0	3
HQBN	1	0	0	2
3rd Mar. HQ	1	0	0	2
3/3	0	0	0	0
3rd Radio	0	1	1	1
CSSG-3	0	2	0	0
Summer Softball				
	W	L		
HQBN	15	1		
VP-9 #1	14	4		
CSSG-3	15	5		
3rd Marines Reg.	11	4		
Dental	11	7		
IPAC (HQBN)	9	7		
Sampsons (MAG-24)	8	7		
HSL-37	7	7		
Facilities	7	8		
2-2	6	8		
VP-47	5	8		
MAG-24	6	12		
ETD “Scrubs”	0	8		
VP-9 #2	0	16		
Volleyball				
Cancelled due to lack of attendance.				
<i>*Standings are current as of Monday.</i>				

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Mango Days 5k to Benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Mango Days 5k course, kicking off Sunday at 6:30 a.m., is completely contained in beautiful Ala Moana Beach Park. All proceeds support The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in finding a cure for blood cancers.

Registration fees are \$20 for individuals and \$20 for the baby jogger division. A post-race breakfast banquet will be held at Compadres for \$8. Breakfast is limited to 300 people.

Packet pick-up is Saturday at Niketown Honolulu. Overall awards will be given for the top three male and female, overall masters male and female, and in 10 year age categories, three deep.

There is also an additional category for baby joggers that will include prizes, compliments of Stroller Strides.

Hawaiian Half-Marathon

The 5th Annual Hawaiian Half-Marathon will start at 5 a.m. on June 12 at Ala Moana Park Drive next to the Waikiki Yacht Club. Participants should be at the start by 4:45 a.m. The five-mile walk will start at 7 a.m. on Monsarrat Avenue, in front of the Waikiki Shell.

Race packets can be picked up at the Running Room, 819 Kapahulu Ave., Friday, from 4 to 7 p.m., or at Runners Hawaii, 98-390A Kamehameha Hwy., June 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friends or relatives may pick up packets with a valid ID. Parking will be available in the Magic Island parking lot, only until 4 a.m. No vehicles will be allowed to enter or exit Ala Moana Park after 4 a.m.

The Honolulu Zoo parking lot will also be available. There will be a clothing drop off at the

entrance of Magic Island and all clothing must be picked up at Kapiolani Park no later than 9 a.m. For more information, send an e-mail to HawaiianHalfMarathon@kihnhn.com, or to volunteer, call RRH Productions, LLC at 923-0492.

Jamba Juice 5k BananaMan Chase Returns

Strap on your running shoes and join the fifth annual Jamba Juice 5k BananaMan Chase, July 9 at 6:45 a.m.

Individuals and teams of at least 10 people are invited to walk, run or roll the 3.1-mile course at Ala Moana Beach Park. The first three male and the first three female participants to pass the “Banana Couple” and cross the finish line, as well as the top male and female participants to cross the finish line in the following age categories, win an entire year of Jamba Juice: 12 and under; 13 to 15; 16 to 19; 20 to 29; 30 to 39; 40 to 49; 50 to 59; 60 to 69; and 70 and older.

Participants must turn in a completed application form, liability waiver and \$25 entry fee. Applications can be picked up at any Jamba Juice store or downloaded from www.jamba.hawaii.com/Jamba_5k_BananaMan_Chase.507.0.html. All forms and the entry fee should be mailed to MDA Hawaii, 210 Ward Avenue, #222, Honolulu, HI 96814.

A 2005 BananaMan Chase T-shirt is guaranteed if your application is postmarked by June 16. Pre-registered applicants must pick up their packets at Jamba Juice, Ward Village, on July 1 between 4 and 7 p.m. or on July 2 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

All donations benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association to fund research aimed at conquering more than 40 neuromuscular dis-

eases that affect more than 500 children and adults in Hawaii.

For more information about MDA or to become a BananaMan Chase team leader, call Audrey Taniguchi at 548-0588 or visit www.mdausa.org.

25th Annual Tinman Triathlon

The “People’s Triathlon” starts and ends at Kapiolani Park area in Waikiki. It is a beautiful and doable venue for all level of interested athletes. Signups are \$100 until June 16, and \$115 until July 7. Online registration closes July 7, at 8 p.m.

The triathlon is comprised of an 800 meter swim, a 40 kilometer bike ride and a 10 kilometer run. Participants must be 15 years of age or older by July 17.

Each finisher will receive a commemorative award on race day. All awards will be presented on race day at a ceremony at approximately 11 a.m. at Kapiolani Park Pavillion. The number of awards will be determined by the number of athletes competing in each age group division.

To qualify to compete in the Elite Division, the athlete must submit official documentation that he/she will be able to complete the entire race within two hours for men and two hours and 20 minutes for women. The top five finishers of elite men and elite women will receive overall awards.

Active military participants will be eligible for awards for male and female division, along with age group awards. Male 220s pounds and above, females 160 pounds and above will be eligible for additional awards, along with age group awards.

2005 Sports Car Racing Gears Up

The Hawaii Region Sports Car Club of America will host six major races in 2005 and Solo II races on Oahu and Maui.

Solo II, or Autocross, is held at the Hawaii Raceway Park at Campbell Industrial Park on Oahu and costs \$25 per driver. About 70 to 90 cars, from stock vehicles to race cars, usually compete. The event is purely amateur, but anybody can participate.

Each driver receives four runs through the sports car course, and the driver with the single fastest time in the class wins. Points acquired throughout the year accumulate for prizes and trophies presented at year’s end. Minimum participation in more than half of the year’s races is required to be in the running for points and the run-off championship. Races are scheduled as follows: Sunday, July 3, Aug. 14, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Nov. 13 and Dec. 26. For more details, call Curtis Lee at 262-5987.

The Wheel-to-Wheel and Solo I racing events are regional sports car races at Hawaii Raceway Park.

Both the driver and vehicle must comply with a number of safety features before they are granted race entry. Future races will be on the following dates: July 10, Sept. 5 and Nov. 26. For more details, call Ed Hollman at 488-1782.

Hawaii Marine Accepts Briefs

Advertise sports and recreational activities of interest to the Department of Defense community in the *Hawaii Marine*.

E-mail items to editor@hawaiimarine.com, fax items to 257-1289 or call 257-8837.



The Bottom Line

(Editor’s Note: “The Bottom Line” is the **Hawaii Marine’s** weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America’s one true obsession — sports. Chances are you’ll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both. The **Hawaii Marine** welcomes your e-mails of no more than 250 words. We will print the top comment of the week from our readers. Send “Readers Strike Back” comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Remember, “If you don’t speak up, you won’t be heard.”)

Is Danica the new Indy ‘heavyweight?’

Sgt. Joe Lindsay
The Goat

Driving to the base this morning on the H-3 I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new Mustang doing 75 miles per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner. I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup. As a Marine, I don’t scare easily. But she scared me so much that I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the cigarette out of my other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked

my cell phone away from my ear, which fell into the coffee between my legs, splashed and burned me, ruined the cell phone and disconnected an important call to my Gunny. Darn women drivers! — Women drivers joke (slightly altered) With apologies, The Goat had to get the old joke about women drivers into “The Bottom Line” this week, because after Danica Patrick’s impressive fourth place finish at the Indy 500 over the weekend, there will probably never be another opportunity. At 5-foot-2 and 100 pounds (back to that later), Patrick led for 18 of the last 28 laps en route to the best ever finish for a woman in the race, far eclipsing female racing legend Janet Guthrie’s ninth place finish in 1978. What makes Patrick’s accomplishment all

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Kristin Herrick
The Cheese

As a woman, I find it hard to disagree with The Goat this week, so all of you who like a little scuffle in “The Bottom Line” will have to wait. Seems there were a few firsts for women in the sports world over the long Memorial Day weekend. First, a woman takes over half on “The Bottom Line,” and then Danica Patrick makes history, placing fourth in the Indy 500. Danica Patrick is no joke. In addition to her killer run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Patrick finished third in the 2004 Toyota Atlantic Championship, the highest placement by a female driver in the series history. She also posted 10, top-five results and scored three podium finishes in 12 starts in 2004. While images from Cosmo and Vanity Fair

are telling women they’re too big, macho men like Robby Gordon are crying that women like 100-pound Patrick are too small to race fairly in the Indy Racing League. Ahhh, the joy of mixed messages. Despite the fact that Gordon’s comments make me want to duct tape his mouth shut, I came into the writing of this “Bottom Line” with an open mind and will therefore try to make a good comparative analysis. In my mind, the Indy 500 is to car racing as the Kentucky Derby is to horse racing. Both showcase the best in their respective sport, and both entail the traversing of a circular track while millions of fans watch in the stands and on television. Similarities aside, in the Kentucky Derby, the weight of the horse doesn’t matter to race officials. Only the weight of what’s on the horse,

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Readers Strike Back

“Welcome Cheese ... I did a double take when I saw the new picture ...”

Dear Bottom Line,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome “Cheese,” but I’ve got to ask what happened to Professor? I got to say it. I did a double take when I saw the new picture in the base paper. I think I like Cheese’s picture better. One thing I got to say, too, is that both Goat and Cheese need to check their facts. San

Antonio won the championship in 1998-99 season and the 2002-03 season, so Goat was at least half right. The Cheese was all mixed up about Allen Iverson. The 76’ers haven’t won the championship since the 1982-83 season when they had Dr. J and Moses Malone. Save the talk about bouts for boxing. Iverson still don’t have no ring. What kind of Answer is that? All that trash talk aside,

though, I welcome Cheese. I liked your article even though I don’t know where “Miwaukee” is at. Also Goat and Cheese sounds funny maybe you could have guest writers called Peas and Carrots. Miami and Flash and Shaq are going to win it all this year. Go Heat.

R. R. Hodgson
Miami, Fla.

quotable

“I won’t race against her until the IRL does something to take that advantage away.”

— Robby Gordon; American race car driver

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CLB-31 hikes ‘Wild’ relay

Capt. Chad Walton
CLB-31

Members of Combat Logistics Battalion 31 training here at the Combat Center made the journey to Borrego Springs, Calif., Saturday to compete and win their division in the 183-mile Wild Miles Adventure Relay.

The 10-man team, led by Battalion Commander John E. Kasperski, and augmented by two runners from the Combat Center, finished the race in 24 hours 52 minutes to win the Military Mixed Team division and finished as the fifth team overall.



Runners exchange turns during the Wild Miles Adventure Relay, Saturday.

Operation Dry Hump, the name the team chose for the race, began in Borrego Springs where the temperature was already 90 degrees and rising at the start of the race. William Spahn, head of Exercise Support Division here, led out the opening leg and

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FSSG running for those who cannot

Sgt. Kristin S. Jochums
2nd Force Service Support Group

CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq — Memorial Day is a day to honor the thousands who have lost their lives in the name of freedom and that is just what the service members here did May 30.

“Memorial Day means taking time out of our day, and lives, to honor those who have gone before us,” said Maj. Michael J. Murchison, the operation officer for the Supply Management Unit, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2d Force Service Support Group (Forward).

As a way to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, CLR-25, 2d FSSG (Fwd), had a road dedication service and 5 kilometer memorial run to celebrate the life of Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Zapp.

Before the run started, a ceremony was held to name the road next to the Supply Management Unit. It was named after Zapp, so his memory will live on at Camp Taqaddum and among the Marines.

“The run was especially important because it was a memorial to the first, and hopefully only, Second Supply Battalion Marine to be killed in action in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom,” said Murchison, a Detroit, Mich. native.

“His life is a precious sacrifice for this land that faces tyranny,” said Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Timothy D. Hogan, for CLR-25.

Zapp, a supply Marine, joined the Marine Corps June 2003. After completing recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, he was assigned to the Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools at Camp Johnson, N.C.

“I’m incredibly thankful for the sacrifices of (all who have gone before) and that of their families,” said Murchison. “It is truly a privilege to be able to serve in the Armed Forces and to be able to carry on their legacy and honor their memory.”

In August 2004, Zapp deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st FSSG out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

“He was motivated to make a difference,” said Sgt. Nathaniel J. Collier, a Marine with the SMU, CLR-25, 2d FSSG (Fwd).

While aboard a convoy, Nov. 8, 2004, conducting security and stabilization operations in Fallujah, Zapp, a 20-year-old Houston, Texas native, died from injuries sustained as a result of an improvised explosive device detonating near his vehicle.

“He represents all those (service members), their actions, honor and their willingness to sacrifice,” said Maj. Michael Lepson, officer-in-charge of the Marine Air Ground Task Force Distribution Center, Supply Detachment, CLR-25. “As you go out to run today, remember Lance Cpl. Zapp and all those who have sacrificed so much for us.”

Surf’s up

Ikaika Palakiko, surfer, puts on a demonstration of the Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park’s newest million-dollar ride, Da Flowrider. The ride is a wave simulator that gives riders the opportunity to ride a continuous wave for about 15 seconds. The cost of the new ride is \$2 for each ride, or \$5 for the entire day of riding. Created with the intention of being a thrill ride for surfers, skateboarders and snowboarders, Da Flowrider is now available for the entire community of Oahu and visitors to the water park.

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

GOAT, From C-3

the more impressive is that she had to deal with an infinite number of reporters’ questions regarding her gender all week, seemingly more interested in her sex than in her driving ability. Unlike the rookie that she is, Patrick seemed to take it all in stride, steering questions back to the real issue of racing like a seasoned vet. Still, she doggedly had to endure NASCAR driver Robby Gordon, a former open-wheel driver who has previously competed at Indy, crying to the press that Patrick’s weight gives her an unfair advantage, and that he wouldn’t race against her until the IRL does something to even the field (a few sandbags in the trunk oughta do the trick, eh Gordon?).

“The lighter the car, the faster it goes,” Gordon said. “Do the math ...”

Oh, you were finished Gordon? Well, allow The Goat to retort.

“The less chicken fried steak and Pabst Blue Ribbon one consumes, the less one’s gut will hang over their belt,” said The Goat. “You know, count the carbs. Do the math.”

If ever there was a need, Gordon has proved that now is the time for the legislature to draft a “No NASCAR Driver Left Behind Act.”

Still, Gordon continued with his rantings all week, saying things along the lines of, “Right off the bat, a guy my size is spotting over a hundred pounds. That’s the reason she’s so much faster.”

Couldn’t be that she just happens to be one

heckuva driver, could it?

Despite all the Deliverance-esque hyperbole; however, all the pre-race hype couldn’t have made ABC any happier, as the network drew its highest Indy 500 TV rating since 1997, mostly as a direct result of the buzz surrounding Patrick.

Danica Patrick’s performance, including a masterful recovery from a spin out, made a believer out of The Goat. But can Danica Mania be discussed without mentioning her gender? The answer to that is, quite simply, “No.”

Bottom Line: The world will always mention Patrick’s gender because she is competing in a male-dominated sport. If Serena Williams competed in men’s tennis, people would talk about the fact that she is a woman. If Lisa Leslie played in the NBA instead of the WBNA, people would talk about the fact that she is a woman. If Shaq started playing in the women’s league, people would talk about the fact that he is a man. It is neither good nor bad. It is what it is. Hopefully someday, though, Patrick will be recognized as just a great racer, and the current sexist headlines will evolve from “Dishy Dani’s Indy Joy” (New York Daily News), and “She’ll start your engine” or “Va-Va Vroom” (New York Post), to simply “Patrick wins Indy, AGAIN!”

And then, right under the headline, there could be a picture of her with her helmet off and her hair blowing in the wind. ‘Cause she is pretty fine.

Special Olympics Hawaii offers year-round sports training and athletic competition to children and adults with disabilities. According to Special Olympics Hawaii, persons with mental retardation, by their involvement in Special Olympics, show the community at large the true meaning of sport and a pure joy towards life.

Honolulu Police park their motorcycles inside the baseball stadium where the run concluded Friday, after escorting the runners through the streets of Honolulu. After the runners circled the stadium, they each took the time to shake the hand of a Honolulu Police Officer.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

BARBOZA, From C-1

gunnery sergeant, MCB Hawaii. “We always have a good time supporting this run, and this year was no different for any of us.”

CHEESE, From C-3

including jockey, is closely measured. If the weight of the gear and jockey do not add up to 126 pounds for colts and geldings or 121 for fillies, officials add weight to make everything at least 126 or 121 pounds, respectively. These are minimums; it’s up to the jockey and trainer to maintain the minimums.

Looking at traditions of a sport much older than car racing, you might be tempted to say that maybe the Indy Racing League should compensate for light drivers by adding dead weight to the car.

But, the IRL already compensates. While

the driver can be any weight, the car must be at least 1,525 pounds. It’s up to the race team to make sure the car is at or above the minimum weight while still functioning at optimum performance. This levels the playing field in the same — yet opposite — way.

Bottom Line: Gender should not be the issue — weight should. Jockeys average 115 pounds. Still heavier than Patrick, but then again, she’s lighter than the typical female. I’m sure she wouldn’t mind bulking up a bit to better handle her car. If men want to be able to go the distance, maybe they should drop a few pounds.

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A day on the green

Jim Whitford preps for an 18-foot putt while Mike Olson looks on during the Klipper Championship Memorial Day Golf Benefit at the Kaneohe Klipper, Friday. Proceeds raised from the event will benefit quality of life programs for Marines, Sailors and families aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. See full coverage of the event in next week’s *Hawaii Marine*.

WILD, From C-4

began the journey that would lead the team through the desert and mountains of southern California in dry, baking-hot conditions.

“It was a lot hotter than I expected,” said Spahn after the first relay leg. “I went out too fast and felt it by the end. You really have to drink water and keep cool.” That theme would be echoed throughout the day as temperatures in the valleys soared near 110 degrees.

Each member of the team was required to run at least two legs and no more than four throughout the course of the race. Most of the runners had done this before as CLB-31 had participated in the “Around Oahu” relay race as a team.

“It was definitely challenging to me,” said Juan Diaz, company first sergeant, “but at the same token, I truly enjoyed it because of the camaraderie we established as we encouraged our fellow Marines to push themselves. The team did outstanding overall, and I consider myself fortunate for being part of the team.”

When the sun went down, the running did not stop so the support team members had to follow runners as they ran on through the night. Each successive leg took its toll on the runners as the miles rolled by toward the finish. With the coming of the sun, the race was nearly over and the team finished together in Pine Valley at 10 a.m.

The Dry Humpers won their division by nearly two hours and finished, more or less, with smiles on their faces. The team members were Kasperski, Spahn, Caleb Eames, Juan Diaz, Marc Mooney, Maritza Gomez, Kathryn Chou, Lindon Snyder, Antwan Macon and Chad Walton.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Nice catch

Intramural summer softball continues weekday nights except Thursday nights — at Riseley Field, MCB Hawaii, where players enjoy the new fence in the outfield. Spectators are invited to come share in the excitement, as base units go head-to-head during the remainder of the season. Some bring food or beverages to the games, but all that is asked is that you clean up after yourself.

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